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Invention: PICTURE CODING APPARATUS, AND PICTURE CODING METHOD

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-5, 21, 22 AND 28-35, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.